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Charles L. Howorth, Jr.
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Dear Mr. Howorth:

In order to assist the Authority in its review of Docket 04-00015, *Tariff Filing by BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. to Reclassify Rate Grouping of Certain BellSouth Exchanges*, it is requested that the following responses be submitted for clarification:

1. Please state the total amount of annual revenue increase for residential consumers that will result from the proposed regrouping of exchanges, excluding the 1.6% inflationary increase scheduled to become effective February 6, 2004;
2. Please state the total amount of revenue increase for business and any other non-residential consumers that will result from the proposed regrouping of exchanges;
3. According to its most recent price regulation plan approved, please identify BellSouth's existing headroom for basic and non-basic categories prior to and after this filing (for this calculation assume the 1.6% increase is in effect). Moreover, will the additional revenues identified in request items (2) and (3) above offset a portion of BellSouth's existing headroom pursuant to its price regulation plan; and
4. If this tariff is approved, some residential consumers will pay more for basic local exchange access lines. Please identify how much more residential consumers will pay for basic local exchange access lines, both as an amount and percentage. Please provide this information for each exchange being regrouped.

Since these are clarification questions and should be readily available, it is requested that BellSouth's response be provided no later than Thursday January 29, 2004. If you have any questions, please contact David Foster at (615) 741-2904, extension 188.

Sincerely,

Joe Werner by DF with permission

Joe Werner, Chief
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